

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Cancelled)

2. (Currently Amended) A patient communication system, comprising:
a display screen comprising a flat panel touch screen having an intraoral operatory light suspended over a patient chair such that the display screen and operatory light are visible from the chair to provide unobstructed viewing of the display screen by the patient and to provide light into the patient's mouth without interfering with access to the patient's mouth by the dental staff;

a controller associated with an armrest of the chair and configured to enable input commands by a patient through the controller to a computer associated with the display screen to provide patient access to a computer network; and

directional speakers located in a headrest associated with the patient chair, the directional speakers configured to provide sound in limited directions.

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 3, further comprising a video camera mounted in association with the display screen and for providing real time imaging.

5. (Original) The system of claim 4, further comprising at least one additional controller remote from the armrest of the chair to enable a service provider to control the display screen.

6. (Currently Amended) A patient communication system, comprising:
~~a display screen comprising a flat panel touch screen having an intraoral operatory light suspended over a patient chair such that the display screen and operatory light are visible from the chair to provide unobstructed viewing of the display screen by the patient and to provide light into the patient's mouth without interfering with access to the patient's mouth by the dental staff;~~

~~a controller associated with an armrest of the chair and configured to enable input commands by a patient through the controller to a computer associated with the display screen to provide patient access to a computer network; and~~

~~directional speakers located in a headrest associated with the patient chair, the directional speakers configured to provide sound in limited directions~~ The system of claim 3;
wherein the computer is configured to provide access to a webpage of the service provider via the Internet.

7. (Original) The system of claim 6 wherein the computer comprises a server coupled to the display screen and coupled to the controller in the armrest.

8. (Currently Amended) The system of ~~claim 4~~ claim 6 further comprising a video camera mounted in association with the display screen for providing real time imaging, wherein the video camera comprises a digital video camera.

9. (Currently Amended) A patient communication system, comprising:
a patient chair having at least one armrest;
a display screen and intraoral operatory light suspended over the patient chair to provide unobstructed viewing of the display screen by the patient and to illuminate the patient's mouth without interfering with access to the patient's mouth by dental staff;
a controller mounted on the at least one armrest of the chair, the controller configured to enable patient input through use of the patient's hand and fingers;

a computer system coupled to the display screen and the controller for providing access to the Internet; and

speakers located in a headrest associated with the chair, the speakers configured to provide sound directly to the patient when the patient is in the chair; and

a digital camera mounted in association with the display screen and coupled thereto for providing imaging of the patient in the dental chair.

10. (Cancelled)

11. (Currently Amended) The system of claim ~~10~~ 9, further comprising at least one additional controller remote from the armrest of the chair to enable a service provider to control the computer and digital camera.

12. (Original) The system of claim 11, wherein the digital camera comprises a digital video camera to provide real time imaging.

13. (Original) The system of claim 11 wherein the computer is configured to provide access to a webpage of the service provider.

14. (Cancelled)

15. (Cancelled)

16. (Currently Amended) A patient communication system, comprising:
a display screen for displaying an X-ray image visible to a patient in a dental chair;

at least one operatory light mounted in relation to the dental chair such that the light provides intraoral light suitable for performing a dental procedure while the image is visible to the patient in the chair;

a controller in communication with the display screen, the controller configured to select the image displayed by the display screen;

speakers located in a headrest associated with the dental chair; and
software configured to provide access to a network such that the display screen selectively displays an image from the network.

17. (Previously Presented) The communication system of claim 16, wherein the speakers are capable of effectively directing sound to the patient in the dental chair while not significantly increasing ambient sound levels in an operatory area surrounding the dental chair.

18. (Cancelled)

19. (Cancelled)